GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION REGARDING MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Election Commission for making a legislation on the model code of conduct with a view to vest power with Chief Election Commissioner to disqualify and impose penalties on violators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b): The Government has not received any such proposal in this regard. However, in the past there was a proposal from Election Commission of India to give statutory backing to the Model Code of Conduct but in July, 1998 after the experience garnered through successfully conducting a large number of elections in the country without giving a statutory backing to the Model Code of Conduct, the Election Commission withdrew its proposal.

(c): Do not arise.